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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE** TELECENTER 1600/2900

Examiner: L. Wells                      Art Unit: 1619  
Re:    Application of:                      Sackler, et al.  
      Serial No.:                            09/624,530  
      Filed:                                 July 24, 2000  
      For:                                    **METHOD OF TREATING HUMANS WITH  
   OPIOID FORMULATIONS HAVING  
   EXTENDED CONTROLLED RELEASE**

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
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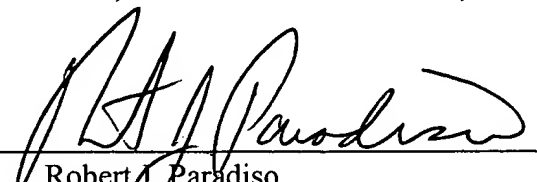
December 31, 2002

Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Advisory Action dated September 16, 2002 for two (2) months from November 3, 2002 (the date the Appeal Brief/Response to Advisory Action was due) to January 3, 2003.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$400.00 fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

Respectfully submitted,  
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